

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 2, 2007

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:02 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.
 - A. Opening Prayer was given by Mayor Armstrong.
 - B. Pledge – Mayor Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. Roll Call: Present: Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Martha Myers, August Tindell. Absent - Robert Kittle.
 - D. Minutes - Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the last regularly scheduled meeting of December 5, 2006. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
 - E. Miley Cox – International Basketball – Mayor Armstrong introduced Miley Cox, a student at Fodrea Elementary, who was selected to represent the United States at the International Basketball games this summer overseas. She will be playing basketball in several different countries.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 1, 2007, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FISCAL PLAN FOR PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF COLUMBUS.” (Stutsman Annexation) Laura Thayer, Assistant Planning Director, presented this Resolution adopting a fiscal plan for the Stutsman annexation. She showed the maps relating to the property. Laura indicated there would be very little financial impact on the city of Columbus. Jesse Brand made a motion to approve the Resolution. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
 - B. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.1, 2007, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND DECLARING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA.” (Stutsman Annexation) Laura Thayer presented the second reading on the Ordinance to annex the Stutsman property. She gave a brief overview. Brief discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to approve the Ordinance. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
 - C. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2007, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFORM PERSONNEL POLICIES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA.” Chuck Boll and Eric Hayes. Tim Coriden, on behalf of Eric Hayes, Assistant City Attorney, asked Council to table this item until the next Council meeting. George Dutro made a motion to table the Ordinance until next meeting. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled ‘RESOLUTION NO.2, 2007, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.’ (Machinery Mounting Systems) Judy Jackson, Director of Community Development, presented this Resolution. Also present was Alan McKown, President of Machinery Mounting Systems, Inc. Mr. McKown gave a brief presentation on the business. He indicated his desire to expand his operation located at 2860 North National Road with an investment of \$225,000 in new manufacturing equipment. As a result of the expansion, all current jobs will be retained and 1 to 2 new positions will be added. Council Person Craig Hawes indicated the Incentive Review Committee had met and found Machinery Mounting Systems, Inc. to be substantial compliance. Brief discussion followed. Craig Hawes moved to approve the Resolution. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.3, 2007, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, APPROVING ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.” Tom Vujovich, President of the Redevelopment Commission, Terry Coriden attorney for the Redevelopment Commission, Bruce Donaldson, attorney with Barnes and Thornburg and Mike Claytor with Crowe Chizek presented this Resolution. Tom Vujovich gave a report on the need for a parking garage. He informed the Council the Redevelopment Commission had conducted a public hearing on December 20, 2006 regarding the parking garage. He gave a brief history of the consultants the city has worked with in order to determine the need for the parking garage as well as the location selected. He reiterated the Redevelopment Commission would be responsible for the bonding and not the City of Columbus. He indicated the timetable would be design construction documents completed in March, 2007 with construction to begin in late spring. He informed Council of the design that would include retail on the ground floor with parking spaces for approximately 350 to 400 spaces. Mike Claytor with Crowe Chizek told of the process of securing the bond that would be repaid in a maximum of twenty (20) years. Bruce Donaldson spoke of the economic vitality this would bring to the downtown. Corey Carr, new Economic Development Executive Director spoke of his support for the project. Frank Jerome spoke of his disapproval for the project. Dan Arnholt with REMC indicated he supported the parking garage and thought it was important to downtown. George Dutro made a motion to approve the Resolution. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 1 with August Tindell casting the no vote.
- C. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.4, 2007, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2007 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS.” Fire Chief Gary Henderson presented this Resolution. He asked that his “B” priority items be

moved to “A” items in Cum Cap Fire Fund so he could complete the projects proposed for 2007. Discussion followed. Craig Hawes made a motion to approve the Resolution. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

- D. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.____, 2007, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2007 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS.” Police Chief Bill Martin requested City Council postpone the hearing of this Resolution until the first Council meeting in March, 2007, in order for the State Department of Local Government Finance an opportunity to approve and certify the City’s budget for 2007. Martha Myers moved to postpone the Resolution. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports. Martha Myers presented Brenda Sullivan, City Clerk Treasurer with the appointments for 2007. George Dutro made a motion to re-appoint Martha Myers as President Pro-Tem for the year 2007. Craig Hawes seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- B. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting January 16, 2007. Mayor Armstrong indicated the State of City address would be at the Yes Cinema on February 6th, 2007.
- C. Adjournment: Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 o’clock P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer